(b) The no. of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in respect of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh is given as under:

Sl. No.	Name of States	Cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.	
		2005	2006
1.	Uttar Pradesh	4375	4838
2.	Gujarat	1538	1555
3.	Haryana	288	283
4.	Madhya Pradesh	5970	5711

(c) The action proposed by the Central Government is placed at the Statement.

Statement

Details of action proposed by the Central Government

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, due central assistance is also provided to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for strengthening for the enforcement and judicial machinery, inter caste marriages, awareness generation and relief and rehabilitation of the affected person. The details of the central assistance released under the Scheme to State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of States	Central assistance released to the State Governments		
		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1.	Uttar Pradesh	414.105	663.235	553.925
2.	Gujarat	281.03000	240.0850	120.645
3.	Haryana	73.96025	61.07	97.8275
4.	Madhya Pradesh	820.01	712.195	856.1007

Also the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been addressing the States Governments/Union Territory Administrations to implement provisions of the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 Act in letter and spirit.

A Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment has also been constituted for effective coordination to devise ways and means to curb offences of untouchability and atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and effective implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Old Age Homes

4120. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments for setting up of the Old Age Homes;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) what are the details of the Old Age Homes that have been set up, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Government has not finalized any scheme for financial assistance to the State Governments for setting up of the Old Age Homes.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Old Age Homes

†4121. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Old Age Homes being run in the States, as on date, during the last three years;

(b) the number of Old Age Homes for which assistance is demanded by the organizations; and

(c) the amount sanctioned during the above said period for the expenses of the Old Age Homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Details of Old Age Homes (OAH) which have been assisted under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons and the amount sanctioned during last three years are given below:—

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
No. of OAHs	320	287	240
Amount (Rs. in lakh)	1182.54	1059.67	1105.42

Post-Matric scholarship for OBC students in Maharashtra

4122. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes is a fully Centrally sponsored scheme and the Maharashtra Government has requested for reimbursement of funds for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount released, so far, and yet to be released, as on 31st March, 2008; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure quick release of funds to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.